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SUBJECT: SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE NEEDS IN NIGER

ROME FOR SKILES

REF: (A) NIAMEY 744 (B) NIAMEY 726 (C) NIAMEY 667

1. AID/W THOROUGHLY IMPRESSED WITH DEGREE OF DETAIL
CONTAINED IN REF ASSESSMENTS, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT
TO FOOD PREPOSITIONING PROBLEMS. AS RESULT OF FEBRUARY
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FIELD SITE VISITS, RDO/RFFPO SEEM HAVE A SELECTIVE FOOD-

SITUATION BASELINE WHICH WILL PERMIT A RATE OF PROGRESS EVALUATION OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. WOULD APPRECIATE RDO/ RFFPO DRAWING UP MONITORING PLAN (FORWARD COPY TO AID/W) TO MEET NEEDS MENTIONED PARA 2, REF (B). AID/W PREPARED TO FURNISH TDY PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN MONITORING REQUIREMENTS IF LOCALLY CONTRACTED PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE.

2. AS MENTIONED AMBASSADOR HECK FEBRUARY 14 LETTER TO DAVID SHEAR AND PARA 8, REF (A), IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GON SHOULD TAKE SPECIAL STEPS NOW TO INSURE PROTECTION OF FOOD STOCKS ALREADY ON HAND. ADVISE IF APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 15, REF (B), PROVES SATISFACTORY IN MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT.

3. AS SUGGESTED REF (B), IN ORDER AVOID DUPLICATIVE EFFORTS, MOST DESIREABLE THAT UNDP/UNICEF TAKE LEAD WITH GON IN IDENTIFYING NEEDS FOR NOMAD SHELTER-TARPS, BLANKETS AND MEDICINES. DONORS COULD THEN POOL RESOURCES IN MEETING FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.

4. OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NO FORMAL LES SINISTRES CAMPS HAVE BEEN SET-UP BY GON THIS YEAR (WITH EXCEPTION OF ALREADY ESTABLISHED LAZARET). PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS SITUATION CHANGES. INGERSOLL

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